

The United States Bankruptcy Court for the Middle District of Georgia is pleased to announce the launching of an exciting pilot project. In this technological era, it is rare to find anyone who does not have an email account. Our court would like to solicit the email addresses for all debtors in an effort to electronically notify them when anything is filed in their cases. The benefits are many. The debtors will not only be notified when a pleading is filed in their cases, but they will also be given the opportunity to view and save the pleading at their convenience on their own home computers. They will be subject to the same “one free look” that all users are given. We have drafted two documents for your review and they are attached to this message. The first document is a Waiver of Paper Notification and Consent to Receive Notification via Email. We are asking every debtor attorney to encourage their clients to (voluntarily) complete this form and ask that you file the form, with a separate docket entry, at the time you file the new case. The second document is an Instruction sheet that we would like each debtor attorney to give to their client’s if the client has consented to receive notification by email.

During case opening, you will need to enter the debtor(s) email address(es). If the court receives an undeliverable message on a debtor email account, we will notify the debtor via U.S. Postal Service and send a paper version of the document that the debtor did not receive in his/her email. The notice will ask the debtor to contact the court to update their email address.

We would like to begin this pilot project on **January 1, 2012**. We will send occasional email reminders and you will see notices on our website and in our courtrooms urging you to cooperate and encourage your clients to take advantage of this unique approach to noticing.

We thank you in advance for your participation in this very exciting venture!